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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 18 and amend claim 12 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). An electronic image pickup apparatus, comprising:

a housing which houses a finder unit, an electronic image pickup unit and an image display device, and which is provided
5 with an image display device operating member being used to operate the image display device on an outer surface thereof, wherein:

an eyepiece window of the finder unit is located on a rear surface area, in which an image display screen of the image
10 display device is exposed, in the outer surface of the housing,
the eyepiece window is also located on a left side and above the image display screen of the image display device on the rear surface area,

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the end portion of the housing, which is located in a right
15 side of the image display screen on the outer surface of the
housing, is configured to be held by the right hand of a user,
and

the image display device operating member is located in the
right side of the image display screen of the image display
20 device on the rear surface area such that the image display
device operating member is operable by the thumb of the right
hand of the user that holds the right end portion of the housing.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup
apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the eyepiece window of
the finder unit is located in a vicinity of an upper end of the
rear surface area, and the image display device operating member
5 is also located in the vicinity of the upper end of the rear
surface area.

Claim 14 (Cancelled).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup
apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising an electronic
flash which is housed in the housing, and which emits light, and

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wherein the housing further comprises an electronic flash
5 window which allows light emitted from the electronic flash to be
projected toward the object, and the electronic flash window is
arranged at an upper portion of a front surface area in the outer
surface of the housing.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup
apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a signal
terminal which is used to output an image signal generated by the
electronic image pickup unit and which is arranged in a side end
5 area of another end portion of the housing located in a left side
of the image display screen on the outer surface of the housing.

Claims 18-20 (Cancelled).